

**TOWN OF NATICK
POLITICAL CALENDAR
CURRENT – 2017**

The Town Clerk shall not furnish blank forms for nomination of candidates for town office to any person other than a candidate seeking such nomination or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his behalf. (*G.L. c. 53, §17*)

Wednesday, December 7, 2016	Nomination papers will be available for all Town wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office.
Tuesday, January 10, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for submitting nomination papers for the Town Election with the Registrars of Voters for certification for Town Office Candidates. Minimum of 25 signatures - 49 days before preliminary election date and 14 days preceding date on which they are to be filed with Town Clerk. (<i>Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 9(d) and G.L. c. 53, §61</i>)
Friday, January 20, 2017	Close of business. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period April 19, 2016 through December 31, 2016)
Tuesday, January 24, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for Town Office Candidates with Town Clerk (35 th day preceding the date of Preliminary Town Election) (<i>G.L. c. 53, §10, Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1d 4</i>)
Thursday, January 26, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for filing withdrawal of, or objections to, nomination papers for Preliminary Town Election with Town Clerk. Must be in writing and notarized. (<i>G.L. c. 55B, §7</i>)
Tuesday, January 31, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Incumbent Town Meeting Members to give written notice to Town Clerk for re-election at the Annual Town Election. (21 days before filing date of New Town Meeting Members with Town Clerk) (<i>G.L. c. § 53, 10</i>)

Tuesday, February 7, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for submitting with the Registrars of Voters for certification of NEW Town Meeting Members nomination papers. There must be a minimum 10 signatures from voters in the precinct from which the candidate seeks to be elected, submitted 49 days before the Annual Town Election, 14 days before filing with Town Clerk. (<i>Town Charter Article 2 Section 2-4b and G.L. c. 53,§7</i>)
Wednesday, February 8, 2017	8:00 PM Last day and hour to register new voters for the Annual Town Election. (<i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i>). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM. This is only required if there is a Preliminary Town Election.
Friday, February 10, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i>) 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to be placed on the Annual Town Election (<i>G.L. c 54 §42C</i>)
Monday, February 20, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Preliminary Campaign Finance reports for Preliminary candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2017 through February 10, 2017. This is only required if there is a Preliminary Town Election.
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to file certified nomination papers for New Town Meeting Members with Town Clerk, 35 th day preceding date of Town Election (<i>G.L. c. 53, §10, G.L. c. 50, §4.</i>) 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to be placed on Annual Town Election Ballot. (<i>G.L. c 54,§ 42C</i>)
Thursday, February 23, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for filing withdrawals of and/or objections to New Town Meeting Members nomination papers for the Annual Town Election with Town (<i>G.L. c 53,§§11 ,13</i>)
Tuesday, February 28, 2017	Preliminary Town Election for any Town Offices if necessary.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017	8:00 PM Last day and hour to register new voters for the Annual Town Election. (<i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i>). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.
Monday, March 20, 2017	5:00 PM Last day and hour to submit pre-election Campaign Finance Reports due for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2017 through March 10, 2017.
Monday, March 27, 2017	12 PM – Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Annual Town Election
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday, April 11, 2017	Spring Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Natick High School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, Section 1</i>)
Thursday, April 27, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit post election Campaign Finance report for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 11, 2017 through April 17, 2017
Friday, August 18, 2017	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i>)
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Natick High School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1</i>)
Monday, November 27, 2017	Nomination papers will be available for all Town wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2018 Annual Town Election.